GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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PROBLEMS OF EXPORTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought proposals from the exporters in regard to problems that are being faced by them;

(b) if so, whether they have submitted the detailed demands and suggestions to the Government;

(c) if so, the details of the suggestions made by them;

(d) whether the Government have examined all of them;

(e) if so, the steps being taken to implement them; and

(f) whether the Government propose to review the working of the State Trading Corporation and MMTC to avoid unfair competition in overseas market between them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (e): The Government invites suggestions/views from inter alia EPCs/Commodity Boards/Exporters Associations etc. on various matters relating to export sector on a regular basis for enhancing the performance of our exports. These suggestions/ views of the various bodies are taken into account while formulating or modifying export strategies. The representations sent by exporters are examined and changes are made in EXIM Policy from time to time.

(f): Consequent upon the decanalisation of import and export of a number of items earlier canalised through STC and MMTC, both the Corporations have reoriented their trading strategies in a manner consistent with the liberalised economy and competitive environment in the international market. The two PSUs, therefore, in an endeavour to increase their turnover and profitability do undertake trading activities in a few common areas, which are more in the nature of supplementing efforts of each other.